# The Coffee Dude

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APPUCCINO anyone? Anyone who spends much time at Camp Roberts these days knows who "The Coffee Dude" is. He's Steve Sackett from Paso Robles. The one-man show serves up fresh brewed coffee, lattes and smoothies at Camp Roberts seven-days a week.

"I used to come in the gate and nobody was there. Now, it's come alive up here," Sackett said one recent afternoon between rain showers. "Everybody's been so supportive and helpful; from the Keisters to Bill and Ron with the engineers, Maj. Mavroleon and Angie, Lt. Col. Martin and Capt. Jarvis at the MATES, and the TSIRT crew. It's amazing."

When asked to recommend a drink, Steve says his signature drink would have to be the white mocha. He sells a lot of white mochas. Then there's his version of the caramel macchiato that he fondly calls "The Keister" after John and Betty Keister and the "1498th Special," a double shot with Hersheys named after the 1498th Transportation Company. He also has the all new "Thunder Smoothie," an amazing low carbohydrate meal

Steve has been a part of the team at Camp Roberts since contracting with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service in the Spring of 2001. He had sales over \$63,000 at Camp Roberts alone last year. and plans to add soups and salads to the menu. Says Sackett, "I couldn't have done any of this without the support of Cahoots Catering out of San Miguel. They've been great."



## **ESPRESSO A-GO-GO**

Steve Sackett serves coffee on a cold, wet morning to eagerly waiting soldiers on the ranges at Camp Roberts. Sackett drives his "espresso a-go-go" truck to Camp Roberts seven days a week.



### WHAT IS OLD IS NEW AGAIN

Camp Roberts saw some building improvement at the Soldier Readiness Processing (SRP) Area this past year. The new buildings house medical, dental, and chaplain offices and a new identification card center, which is expected to be complete by the end of the year. Local contractors worked extensively on the project.



# New troop services building

AMP Roberts new Troop Services Building, now one of the most modern buildings on the installation, houses the Billeting Office, Internet Café and Barbershop. The Billeting Office has been busy this year trying to make life more comfortable for soldiers temporarily housed on the base. They've replaced the 70s vintage beds and have installed satellite television in most of the rooms. New dayrooms are almost complete. These dayrooms will be equipped with satellite television, air hockey and other games. New or used books, bookcases, magazines, DVD and VHS movies are needed. To make a donation to the troop dayrooms please contact Cybil at 238-8312.



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